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DIRECTORATE FOR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND SECURITY REVIEW OASD(PA) COORDINATION RECORD		CASE NO. 82-0841
		DATE March 3, 1982
TO: CIA	DESCRIPTION SUBMITTED BY SAF/PAS 82-391 Manuscript - Interdiction in Southem Laos 1960-1968 by Jacob Van Staaveren for open publication.	

THE ATTACHED MATERIAL IS FORWARDED FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES ON THE REVERSE OF THIS FORM. QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS CASE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO Major Lynk, Ext. 78120

Handle as classified until State and CIA review completed.

A REPLY IS REQUESTED BY ~~24 Mar 1982~~

COORDINATION OFFICE ACTION

TO: Directorate for Freedom of Information and Security Review, OASD(PA)

REVIEW BY THIS OFFICE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM, RESULTS IN THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING CLEARANCE FOR PUBLICATION (check one):

- ☐ NO OBJECTION AS RECEIVED.
- ☐ NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO AMENDMENTS MADE BY THIS OFFICE (in black pencil).
REASONS FOR AMENDMENTS (security or policy) ARE SPECIFIED BY PAGE NUMBERS LISTED BELOW.
- ☒ OBJECTION. AMENDMENTS TO PERMIT PUBLICATION ARE IMPRACTICABLE. REASONS ARE STATED BELOW.

See enclosed letter.

(Continue on reverse side if necessary.)

BY NAME, TITLE AND ORGANIZATION Director of Information Services	DATE 13 Aug 1984	SIGNATURE
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1 SEP 77

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DESCRIPTION

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AF/XO				n/obj
AF/IN				n/obj
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REVIEWER MR. CORCORAN			DATE RECEIVED 3/2	

FOR AIR STAFF/SECRETARIAT COORDINATION

TO: Office for Security Review (SAF/PAS)

We have reviewed the attached information and our recommendation for public release is as follows:

- ☐ No objection
- ☐ No objection subject to amendments for security and policy as indicated by brackets [] in black pencil. Editorial amendments are lined through once with black pencil (Do not use Brackets). Substitute language will be entered in black pencil. (see guidelines on reverse side)
- ☐ Objection. Amendments to permit publication are impractical. Reasons are stated below.

NOTE: Attention is invited to attached correspondence, with attachments, from AF/CHO to SAF/PAS. Manuscript has been reviewed and recommended for open publication by Dept of the Air Force, Dept of the Army, Dept of the Navy, OJCS, OASD/ISA, and DIA. A review copy has been with the Dept of State since 21 Jul 81 (contact: Mr. Ainsworth, 632-0565).

Factual changes identified during review have been corrected.

Reviewers recommend review by CIA although no CIA references are used. Until State and CIA review is complete recommend continued handling as classified although the DAF position, based on the review to date, is that it should be considered unclassified.

DATE	TYPE NAME, (Title, Organization, and Telephone Number)	SIGNATURE
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PA)

ATTN:	DATE
DFOISR (THRU)	3 March 1982

The attached material is forwarded with recommendation for public release, ~~unclassified~~, under the provisions of DOD Directive 5230.9. I am authorized to make this recommendation in behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force. A reply is requested by:

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SEE ABOVE NOTE.

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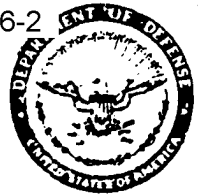
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JOHN M. CORCORAN
Deputy Chief, Office for Security Review
Office of Public Affairs

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOLLING AFB, DC 20332



26 February 1982

REPLY TO
ATTN OF

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SUBJECT

Request for Review of Manuscript and Approval for Open Publication

SAF/PAS

1. Enclosed are five copies of an AF/CHO manuscript entitled Interdiction in Southern Laos, 1960-1968. Request review of the manuscript and approval for open publication.
2. This office believes the manuscript to be unclassified and this is supported by the attached correspondence from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA), JCS, DIA, Department of the Army (DAAG-AMR-D), Naval Historical Center, AF/IN, AF/RDEA, and AF/XO. Both JCS and AF/IN suggested the manuscript be cleared through CIA, but we did not do so because no CIA sources are cited in the footnotes. We did forward a copy to the State Department for declassification review on 21 July 1981, but State has not responded. According to the State point of contact, Mr. Ainsworth, telephone 632-0565, the delay is due to a heavy workload involving FOIA reviews.
3. We are continuing to handle the manuscript as classified pending completion of Security Review. Request your assistance in expediting the review to enable early publication.

Warren A. Trest

WARREN A. TREST
Chief, Histories Division
Office of Air Force History

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2. Ltrs, 5 Oct 81,
24 Aug 81, 11 Sep 81,
20 Jan 82, 2 Sep 81,
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12 Aug 81.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS

5 OCT 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WARREN A. TREST, CHIEF, HISTORIES
DIVISION, OFFICE OF AIR FORCE HISTORY

SUBJECT: Request for Review and Declassification
(Your letter 20 July 1981)

1. This office has reviewed the draft manuscript "Interdiction in Southern Laos, 1960-January 1968" and agrees that it should be declassified. The draft, which appears well written and strongly documented, will make a significant contribution to the data available to this segment of the Southeast Asia War.
2. Inaccuracies, errors of fact and some typographic errors have been marked with clips in the manuscript and corrected in the text where appropriate.

Donald S. Jones
Rear Admiral, USN
Director, East Asia
& Pacific Region

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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24 August 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, HISTORIES DIVISION, OFFICE OF AIR FORCE
HISTORY

Subject: Declassification Review #2066

1. Reference your memorandum of 20 July 1981 which requested a declassification review of your manuscript, "Interdiction in Southern Laos, 1960-January 1968."
2. The OJCS has reviewed the document in accordance with EO 12065 and recommends its declassification. It is suggested that concurrence of the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency be obtained before declassifying. In addition, the data appears to be factually accurate.
3. Without the attachment, this memorandum is UNCLASSIFIED.

For the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff:

Edmund F. McBride

EDMUND F. McBRIDE
Chief, Documents Division
Joint Secretariat

Attachment



WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

U-6493/RSS-3B

11 SEP 1981


TO: Chief, Histories Division
Office of Air Force History
HQ, United States Air Force
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington, D.C. 20332

SUBJECT: Request for Review and Declassification

Reference: Letter, AF/CHO, 27 July 1981, subject as above.

As requested by reference, the Defense Intelligence Agency has reviewed the manuscript "Interdiction in Southern Laos, 1960-January 1968." This Agency has no objection to the unclassified publication of the manuscript. Further, this Agency did not note any inaccuracies or errors of fact in the manuscript.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:


CAREY F. JOINER, JR.
Colonel, USA
Deputy Assistant Director for
Security Services



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22331

20 JAN 1962

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DAAG-AMR-D (82003)

SUBJECT: Review for Declassification (U)

Chief, Histories Division
Department of the Air Force
Eolling AFB, DC 20332

1. The inclosed manuscript, "Interdiction in Southern Laos, 1960 - January 1968," has been reviewed for declassification.
2. Information in the manuscript, over which the Department of the Army exercises classification authority, is hereby declassified.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

Incl
as

John L. Rafferty
JOHN L. RAFFERTY
Colonel, GS
Dir, Admin Mgt

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA 22060

15 Jan 1982

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Review of Draft Manuscript on LAOS (Ref your 15 Jul 81 Ltr)

HQ USAF/CHO

1. The Intelligence Security and Management, Intelligence Estimates, Intelligence Plans and Systems and Intelligence Operations Directorates of the Air Staff have reviewed the subject manuscript and determined it to be both unclassified and factual.

2. Additionally, having served as the South Laos analyst for two-years at Headquarters 7/13 Air Force, Udorn, Thailand, I can personally attest to the accuracy of Mr. Van Staaveren's study.

4. When attachment is withdrawn this letter is unclassified.

Brendan O'Donovan
BRENDAN O'DONOVAN, TSgt, USAF
Historian

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Draft Manuscript, Interdiction
in Southern Laos, 1960-1968, (S).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D C

130 JUL 1981

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Request for Review and Declassification of Historical Document(U)

AF/CHO

The attached document was reviewed by all Directorates in DCS/RD&A who recommended that it should be declassified.


JAMES B. GAHAGAN, Major, USAF
Chief, RD&A Management Secretariat
DCS/Research, Dev and Acquisition

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

12 AUG 1981

REPLY TO AF/XO (Exec)

SUBJECT Request for Review and Declassification

AF/CVAH(S)

1. The Plans and Operations Deputate has reviewed your draft manuscript, "Interdiction in Southern Laos, 1960-1968." We concur with your evaluation that the manuscript should be released as an unclassified document.

2. The manuscript was also reviewed for accuracy, and to the best knowledge of the reviewers, found to be factual.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lowell F. McADCO", is positioned above the typed name.

LOWELL F. McADCO, Lt Col, USAF

Executive

DCS/Plans and Operations



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL HISTORICAL CENTER

Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20374

IN REPLY REFER TO

Ser 993/AR
2 September 1981

From: Director, Naval Historical Center
To: Chief, Histories Division, Office of Air Force History,
Bolling AFB, DC 20332

Subj: "Interdiction in Southern Laos, 1960 - January 1968;" Com-
ments regarding

Ref: (a) Your ltr of 27 July 1981

1. Subject manuscript has been reviewed in accordance with refer-
ence (a).

2. There is nothing in this manuscript that would preclude its
declassification from the Navy's point of view. The work also ap-
pears to be thoroughly researched and accurate, with the exception
of the following minor comments:

- ✓ Page 13: Properly Boun Oum na Champossak.
- ✓ Page 13: Kōng Le overthrew the government of Prince Somsanith
(not Souvanna) and replaced it with one led by Sou-
vanna.
- ✓ Page 13: The State Department did not support the Souvanna
government until early 1961 and until then favored
Phoumi.
- ✓ Page 20: Patrol of the Tonkin Gulf was only one of many tasks
assigned the Seventh Fleet in Southeast Asian waters.
- ✓ Page 20: The impression is given that MACV and CINCPAC were
separate, unified commands when, in actuality, the
former was subordinate to the latter.
- ✓ Page 53: Admiral Sharp was not CINCPAC until 30 June 1964.
- ✓ Page 57fn: Klusmann remained in captivity for only 86 days (less
than three months) from 6 June to 31 August 1964.

D. C. Allard
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By direction